

**TOWN OF GRANBY
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
September 14, 2011**

PRESENT: Michelle Niedermeyer, *Chairman*; Kate Bogli, Steven Hayes, Stanley Hayes, Ann Wilhelm, Don Butler, Lani Neumann

GUESTS: Erin Pirro, John Pirro

Michelle Niedermeyer confirmed a quorum and began the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

APPROVE MINUTES:

ON A MOTION by Kate Bogli, seconded by Ann Wilhelm, the Commission voted to approve the minutes of June 8, 2011 as written (4-0-2). Steven Hayes arrived after the minutes were approved. Don Butler and Lani Neumann abstained from approving the minutes, as each was not present at the June 8, 2011 meeting.

CELEBRATE GRANBY 225

- Michelle Niedermeyer has a schedule of farmers for this event.
- Michelle will reconfirm with the Celebrate Granby Committee what the constraints are for farmers.
- There was discussion on the logistics of the set up/break down of tents, tables and chairs.
- Michelle will send an email to farmers reminding them to bring info cards/brochures to event.
- Discussion ensued as to the schedule for farmers who are demonstrating that day.

Don Butler left the Agricultural Commission meeting at 8:20 p.m.

GREEN SIGN – WHERE IS IT?

- Michelle Niedermeyer will contact the Town of Granby Public Works to enquire if their dept is currently storing the Green Sign. The assumption is that the Public Works Dept removed the sign off the town green before Hurricane Irene.

HOLCOMB FARM

- Grant funding was cut at Holcomb Farm and this resulted in its educational program being cut.
- Michelle Niedermeyer asked the Agricultural Commission to think of opportunities of how Holcomb Farm can redefine itself in light of the outcome of this grant cut.

2012 MEETING SCHEDULE

ON A MOTION by Michelle Niedermeyer, seconded by Kate Bogli, the Commission voted unanimously (6-0) to keep the Agricultural Commission meetings on the same schedule for 2012.

PRELIMINARY PLANNING FOR 2012

There was a lot of discussion regarding the preliminary planning for 2012. Part of the conversation revolved around the best use of the Ag Commissions time in the next few months. Steven Hayes suggested that the Ag Commission use the October meeting to pull together ideas, use the November meeting to firm up details and use the December timeframe as an opportunity to present its projected goals to the Board of Selectman.

The other part of the conversation outlined some projects/goals for consideration in 2012. Those projects/goals include, but are not limited to:

The future of the Granby Sampler;
Continuing with the farmer/consumer potluck;
Hosting two demonstrations during the year—one for farmers only and one for consumers;
New ideas such as a Bike tour in Granby (Tour de Farms).

As part of the planning process Michelle Niedermeyer will draft an email and will ask the Agricultural Commission for their comments. The email will eventually be sent to the farmers. The feedback gained from the farmers' comments will help direct the Agricultural Commissions' goals ensuring that it is serving its purpose for both the farmers and the town alike.

New Business

None

Public Comment

None

ADJOURNMENT:

ON A MOTION BY Michelle Niedermeyer, seconded by Steven Hayes, the Commission voted (6-0) to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Tappenden
Recording Secretary